

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. DONALDS OF FLORIDA

At the end of title VIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM FOR PILOTS.**

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 (1) APPRENTICE.—The term “apprentice”
4 means a student enrolled at a flight school.

5 (2) FLIGHT SCHOOL.—The term “flight school”
6 means a flight academy certified under part 141 of
7 title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

8 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of Transportation.

10 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in consulta-
11 tion with flight schools and other industry stakeholders,
12 shall establish an apprenticeship program with flight
13 schools to establish a pipeline of qualified and interested
14 individuals to become commercial pilots.

15 (c) SELECTION.—Under the apprenticeship program
16 established under subsection (b), each flight school partici-
17 pating in the apprenticeship program established under
18 subsection (b) may select up to 8 applicants to flight
19 school to serve as apprentices each academic year.

1 (d) CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—To graduate from an ap-
3 prenticeship program established under subsection
4 (b), an apprentice shall satisfy any relevant require-
5 ments and minimum curriculum under part 141 of
6 title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor
7 regulations), including all curriculum under subpart
8 C of such part.

9 (2) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—Nothing in this
10 Act prevents a flight school from imposing additional
11 requirements, such as modifying the terms of service
12 of the apprenticeship program, on an apprentice tak-
13 ing part in an apprenticeship program established
14 pursuant to this section.

15 (e) OPTIONAL PROGRAM.—A flight school may
16 choose not to participate in an apprenticeship program es-
17 tablished under this section.

18 (f) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the
19 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue
20 such regulations as are necessary to implement this Act.

21 (g) INCENTIVIZING RETIRED PILOTS.—The Sec-
22 retary shall take such actions as may be appropriate to
23 develop methods to incentivize pilots, including retired
24 military pilots, retiring airline pilots, and graduates of the
25 apprenticeship program established under this section, to

1 become instructors at flight schools, including through the
2 development of pathway programs for such pilots to gain
3 initial qualification or concurrent qualification as certified
4 flight instructors under part 61 of title 14, Code of Fed-
5 eral Regulations.

